

judgment, and the said visitors shall provide a book or books in which shall be entered the minutes of their proceedings under this act, and the certificate of each visitor having taken and subscribed the oath or affirmation aforesaid, and when the said visitors or any three of them appointed in virtue of this act, shall have taken and subscribed the said oath or affirmation, they shall be qualified and competent to exercise all the powers, and perform the duties herein granted and required; three members shall at any time form a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said visitors shall have full power and authority as often as they may deem it necessary, to visit and inspect the said jail and the prisoners confined therein; to make by-laws for the internal police and good government thereof, and for the preservation of the buildings and other property; to regulate and provide the diet of the prisoners, procure necessary bedding and clothing for their use, to make such repairs, alterations and improvements in and about the jail as they may deem necessary; to provide medicines and attendance for such of the prisoners as are sick, and that they shall have a discretionary power of employing any prisoners, including debtors and persons on the bounds, with consent of such prisoners, in such work and labour in and about the premises, as may not be inconsistent with their safe keeping, according to the tenor of their commitment; and the visitors shall keep an account of the earnings of each person engaged in such voluntary labour, and upon his or her discharge, he or she shall be allowed two-thirds of the net proceeds thereof, to be ascertained by the said visitors. And all vagrants committed to the jail of Baltimore county, under the existing laws of this state, free negroes or slaves who may be committed, shall be required to perform such work and labour without their consent being thereto first had and obtained.

Visit and
inspect.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of said visitors to choose annually at their first meeting in the month of April or at some subsequent meeting, a president and secretary from among the members of the board; the president shall preside at all meetings of the board; the secretary shall keep the minutes of their proceedings; the board shall meet on the first Tuesday of every month or at such other times as they may direct; special meetings may be called at any time by the president or any two members on giving three days' notice in writing to the members.

Officers;
meetings.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said visitors shall appoint a fit person as warden of the jail of Baltimore city and county, who shall take charge of the prison and prisoners therein, and exercise during his continuance in office the same

Warden.